

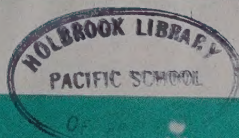
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Mexico City's Cathedral is the largest and most imposing edifice in the Republic. Built on the site of a pagan temple, the church was begun in 1573 and completed in 1813. Also at the Zocalo (the main plaza of the city) are the National Palace and the Municipal Palace. Photo by Daniel Vasquez.

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MEMO

from the General Secretary

THEY'RE SAYING IT

Here are some things that others are saying about Christian Endeavor. We believe in Christian Endeavor and so do a host of others. One man, a successful Christian business man, in sending in five annual memberships for his family during the 1960 Membership Mobilization, wrote: "Never has the need for Christian Endeavor been greater than it is in today's fast living in a world of chaos and confusion. For many years I had the privilege and joy of working in Christian Endeavor (locally, in the district and in the state). But in all, I have never been able to do as much, or put as much into Christian Endeavor, as it has done for me, and that which I have received from it. I deeply appreciate Christian Endeavor for what it has done, and is doing in bringing youth into the church and training them for Christian leadership. I am happy that I can still have some very small part in the extension of Christian Endeavor and extend to you my very best wishes for its continued success." Perhaps you've not responded to this year's invitation to enter your membership gift. There is still time for you to take your place alongside this man who is determined to see that the blessings he received from Christian Endeavor in his youth are continued for his children and other young people today. The need is great—and your share is needed.

Read this about a fine young Christian family—father, mother, and three small children. She attended the International Convention in Toronto in 1949. They honeymooned at the International Convention in Grand Rapids in 1951. Because of the pressures of many things they had decided they could not renew their annual membership in Christian Endeavor International in 1960. Here is what they wrote, "We believe in Christian Endeavor and did not want to give it up." So they pledged that if they sold two calves and the sale amounted to \$150, they would use 10% for their 1960 membership. You guessed it. They sold the two calves. The sale brought them \$150. And they sent in their membership during the last days of February. And we thank them for it. And youth all across this continent and around the world are thankful for you who respond to this annual membership invitation.

Will you send it in today? Your annual membership of Fifteen Dollars, along with many others coming in, will insure that the work will go ahead in 1960. We praise God for all those who have responded. May He lay it on your heart to do likewise.

DON'T MISS IT

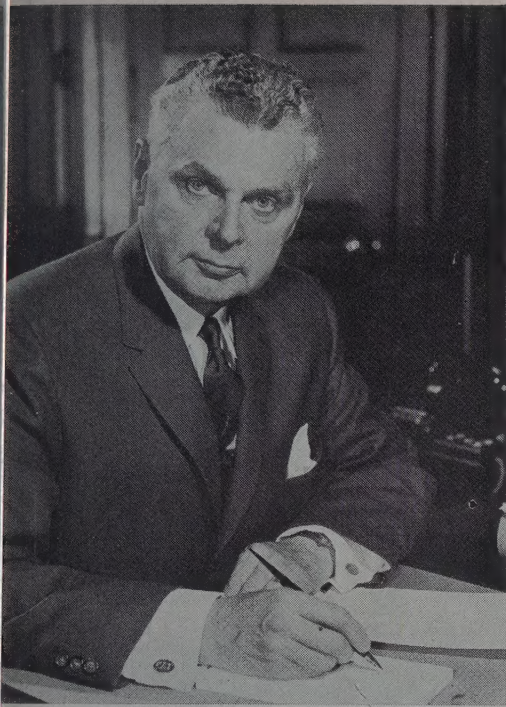
That's what our Mexican Christian Endeavor friends are saying about the Pacific Area Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union scheduled for Mexico City August 17-20. Delegates will be coming from many countries bordering on the Pacific Ocean. Already we have assurance of delegates from Japan, Korea, Australia, Canada, and Guatemala. Of course, there will be many from the United States. Why not plan to be a part of that many.

Some of you will want to join our International Fellowship Tour of Mexico, leaving Chicago on August 6 and arriving back in Chicago on August 28, including a never-to-be-forgotten trip through all of Mexico that is interesting. But some of you may want to make your independent vacation plans, including a trip to Mexico City for the conference. Our Mexican Christian Endeavor friends are making every plan for our comfort and convenience. They would be happy to include you in their plans. Headquarters at Columbus would be glad to put you in touch with those in Mexico City who could assist you. All of this is yours for the asking.

A WILL IS IMPORTANT

You should have a Will so that your wishes will be carried out. Make it a Christian Will. See your lawyer. For information about including the International Society of Christian Endeavor in your Will, write to the General Secretary.

Harold Westerhoff



The Right Honorable John G. Diefenbaker

Diefenbaker Heads Convocation Program

Canadian Prime Minister Scheduled to Speak At Citizenship Rally in Ottawa July 2

Delegates at Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Convocation in Ottawa, Ontario, July 1-3 will be thrilled to hear the prime minister of Canada, John G. Diefenbaker, as he addresses the Saturday evening mass citizenship rally.

A leading Baptist layman, Mr. Diefenbaker has been a member of the House of Commons from Saskatchewan since 1940. He is Canada's thirteenth prime minister since confederation in 1867. In 1958 Mr. Diefenbaker visited 17 Commonwealth and NATO countries during the course of a six-week, 35,000 mile world tour.

The Convocation opens with dinner Friday evening. The speaker

be Rev. George G. Connolly, Christian Education field secretary for the Montreal-Ottawa and Bay of Quinte Conferences of the United Church of Canada. As a boy in Northern Ireland, Mr. Connolly was a member of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Since coming to Canada he has been associated, in one way or another, with youth and young people's work.

A full day of activities is scheduled for Saturday. The program begins with an outdoor Quiet Hour service with Rev. E. Earle Eaton, Presbyterian minister from Galt, Ontario, speaking. Sightseeing in Canada's capital city will include a walking tour of Parliament Hill. The time Saturday afternoon will give

opportunity for a pleasant trip on Rideau Canal.

Following the Convocation banquet Saturday evening will be the mass rally with Prime Minister Diefenbaker speaking. At this session the Albert H. Diebold Awards will be presented to the individual and society winners in the 1960 Citizenship Contest.

Sunday's program includes an early morning Youth Communion Service with Rev. J. Wesley Siebert of Chesley, Ontario, as the speaker. Mr. Siebert, a past president of the Canadian Union, is a member of the Executive Committee of the International Society. Following a period for discussion by buzz groups, delegates will attend church together.

Sunday afternoon's schedule includes

a pilgrimage to Aylmer, Quebec, for a visit to Cherry Cottage, birthplace of Dr. Francis E. Clark. At the closing Convocation service at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Aylmer, the Canadian Union will present a plaque to the church in memory of Dr. Clark, founder of the Christian Endeavor movement.

Convocation headquarters is the fabulous Chateau Laurier, set high on Parliament Hill. Local arrangements are being made by a committee headed by Clyde Sherk, president of the Ontario Union. Mrs. W. T. Webster of Ottawa is the Convocation Registrar.

Shown below are Ottawa's Peace Tower and the Houses of Parliament. Similar in style to Giotto's bell tower in Florence, the Peace Tower is a memorial to Canada's faithful sons. From the Tower peals forth Canada's greatest carillon.

Citizenship Convocation Registration Blank

Please reserve a place and register me for the Citizenship Convocation. Here is \$5.00 payment which will apply on my \$35.00 convocation fee (including meals, except breakfasts, from Friday night dinner through Sunday noon luncheon and hotel accommodations for Friday and Saturday nights—three or four to a room, in the fabulous Chateau Laurier, plus sightseeing and registration fee).

Name _____ Age _____

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Mail this application and \$5.00 to MRS. W. T. WEBSTER, Convocation Registrar, 36 Helena Street, Ottawa 3, Ontario, Canada



Birthday Celebrations in Pictures . . .



Cutting the 79th anniversary cake at the annual Golden Rule Banquet February 5 are Mrs. Elaine B. Clark, banquet chairman, and Dr. Clyde W. Meadows.



Phil C. Reed, president of Golden Rule Union, Washington, D.C., presents a \$100 Cost-For-A-Day check to Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, banquet speaker. Pictured are (left to right) Merritt L. Smith, Rev. Jerry A. Moore, Mr. Reed, Dr. Meadows, and Mrs. Merritt L. Smith.



A real "Golden Rule" is given to Dr. Meadows, president of the International Society, by Foster, Jr., whose mother, Vivian S. Foster, was a past president of the Golden Rule Union.



Bi-County (Texas) Union newly-elected officers pose before a Christian Endeavor outdoor poster in LaMarque. They are (left to right) Ray Westerlage, president; Janice Johnson, vice-president; Jackie Brothers, secretary; Lois Madison, treasurer; and Gloria McDonald, reporter. A "tag day" at school was featured.



Christian Endeavor officers of the United Brethren in Christ Church, Falls, Idaho, study plans for Christian Endeavor Week. They are (left to right) Laura Nussbaum, president; Gary Hanson, James Lail, and Newberry. Rev. Lloyd Oliver is minister and Mrs. Faye Nussbaum is the two Christian Endeavor groups.



David Whitten (right) president of Evansville District (Indiana) Union, gives attendance award for evangelistic services February 2-6 to Fred Gross, for 12th Avenue General Baptist Church. Speaker for the sessions was Timothy J. Kribs (left).



Juniors of Grace United Brethren Church, Sherkston, illustrate the Christian Endeavor pledge at the Welland County (Ontario) Junior Birthday Party February 13 at Willoughby Evangelical Church. Mabel Michael, Junior Superintendent, reports that each group of Juniors wore special Christian Endeavor hats. A total of 95 attended.



Toastmaster Robert Cloud of the Dallas District banquet, Garland, Texas, with Carol His "space age" hat carries the banquet theme, "Through the Years."

More Christian Endeavor Week Reports

DE—Longtimers enjoyed the birthday banquet February 4 in Wilmington, with Dr. W. Meadows as speaker. Margaret I. reports over 150 were present.

IA—President Noel G. Reed of the Iowa Union reports 233 persons, representing 17 churches, attended the annual banquet February 7 at Huntington Nationalities represented included Mexican, Canadian, and Filipino. Master was Doyle Clark, with Rev. W. H. H. of Fort Wayne as master of ceremonies. Slides of the Frankfurt Convention were shown by Mr. and Mrs. Ben of Rockford, Ohio.

MD—The Baltimore Union banquet featured Herbert Wilson as toastmaster. Clyde W. Meadows as speaker. Dr. also met with Maryland Endeavorers on February 5.

MI—The four Grand Rapids participated in a one-hour television program on January 31. Youth took all parts of the program except a ten-minute meditation by a youth pastor, Rev. Donald Testimonies were included on "What Means to Me" and on "What Christian Endeavor Means to Me."

MS—The Junior and Senior societies of the Mississippi Union Church, Eau Claire, sponsored a hymn sing February 5, with refreshments, according to Alice Preston's report.

PA—Gaston Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia held the annual banquet February 6, with the theme, "The Year of '76," honoring the 76th anniversary of Christian Endeavor in the church. Testimonies were given by the Junior-Junior High, Young People, and the Alumni society. Intermediate - Senior Endeavorers took part of the evening worship February 7.

ON—Waterloo County Union leaders spoke at Christian Endeavor in six different churches on January 31. After the county banquet February 5 a joint service was held in the church.



head table at Roanoke (Virginia) Union's banquet at Westminster Presbyterian are (left to right) Mrs. Joseph E. Pringle; and Mrs. Warren G. Hoopes, Sr., of Pennsylvania, the speakers; Alva T. Hillman, toastmaster; and Joann Campbell, union president.

MICHIGAN—Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, president of the International Society, spoke at the Barry County birthday celebration February 8, as well as the Kalamazoo Union banquet February 10 and the Golden Chain Union meeting in Zeeland First Reformed Church February 11. Timothy J. Kribs, associate president of the International Society, was the speaker February 15 for Muskegon Union's annual birthday banquet.

PENNSYLVANIA—Franklin County Union held the annual banquet February 2 at King Street United Brethren Church in Chambersburg. Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, pastor, extended greetings. New officers were installed and Rev. Kenneth Weaver of Columbia spoke.

IOWA—Juniors and Intermediates of Chestersfield Christian Church, Des Moines, planned a special program on Sunday evening, February 7, complete with birthday cake and 79 candles. Bible school devotions on January 31 were led by the Juniors, with the Intermediate group in charge of the February 7 church worship. Mrs. Tom Boatwright is Junior Superintendent.

TEXAS—Senior societies of First Christian Church and Paul's Union Church in LaMarque met together January 31 with Mrs. Paul Kovar in charge of the program. During the candlelight consecration service, 58 members signed the pledge.

OHIO—A conference-wide rally sponsored by Auglaize Conference, Church of the United Brethren in Christ, was held January 31 at Monticello United Brethren Church, near Spencerville. Attendance included 206 youth and adults, with 55 Juniors at a special rally. Rev. Clair E. Beatty, president of the Ohio Union, brought the message.

NEW YORK—Christian Endeavorers of Ainslie-Greenpoint Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, sponsored a "Citizenship Unlimited" program February 5 which included a skit, talent show, and slides. Four Intermediates spoke at morning worship February 7, according to Eva L. Hume, advisor.

VIRGINIA—The Richmond Fellowship enjoyed a birthday dinner February 5 at Mizpah Presbyterian Church, with Alice Whitley Jones as mistress of ceremonies. Speaker was Mrs. H. Kerr Taylor, co-director of the department of Christian Family Life, Presbyterian Church, U.S.

TEXAS—Junior Endeavorers of Paul's Union Church, LaMarque, made posters advertising Christian Endeavor Week for display in local store windows.

NEW JERSEY—Joseph Sheppard, Ella L. Walker, Susan M. Taylor and William Mapes spoke on the theme, "Working for Christ and the Church," at the morning worship January 31 at Cold Spring Presbyterian Church. The Junior and Senior societies enjoyed a "Citizenship Unlimited" party February 6.

MINNESOTA—The birthday banquet at First Presbyterian Church, Virginia, attracted 45 youth, according to Mrs. F. V. Davidson, advisor. Twenty-one from this society attended the state workshop February 5-6 in Minneapolis.

WISCONSIN—Youth of Spring Green Congregational Church participated in the morning worship February 7. The sermon on "Knowing—And Learning to Know" was given by Skip Pifer, Anita Bailey, and Jim Hamel.

TEXAS—San Jacinto District Union held a banquet February 5 at Parker Memorial Methodist Church, Houston. Speaker was Chris Arno, director of Boys' Harbor, with Myron Reichardt as master of ceremonies.

WEST VIRGINIA—Endeavorers of Tuscarora Community Church, Martinsburg, held a covered dish supper February 5, with longtimers from other churches as guests. Pictures of past Christian Endeavor events were much enjoyed, according to Mrs. Mildred C. Roberson, program chairman.

MAINE—Christian Endeavorers at Williston Congregational Church, Portland, the birthplace of the Christian Endeavor movement, conducted the morning worship February 7. Their president, Victor Gideon, spoke on "Measuring Up to God."

PENNSYLVANIA—Clyde E. Bortner of Hanover reports special services held January 28-31 under the sponsorship of the societies of St. Paul's (Dubs') Church. Speakers included Kenneth Morlock, Rev. Fred Shilling, and Rev. Nevin E. Smith.

VIRGINIA—Roanoke Juniors held their own birthday banquet February 5 at Belmont Presbyterian Church, with Mr. and Mrs. Warren G. Hoopes, Sr., as speakers. Mr. Hoopes appeared February 1 on a television program over Station WSLV-TV.

TEXAS—Youth of Magnolia Christian Church, Houston, participated in the morning worship February 7. Julie Phillips presided as Junior Deaconess. The speakers, each representing one of the four societies in the church, were Brenda Gustine, Carl Turner, Donna Crawford, and J. L. Turner.



Junior High Endeavorers from East Columbus Church of Christ sing at the Franklin County (Ohio) birthday rally February 7, directed by Edward Johnson. The rally featured testimonies on "What Christian Endeavor Means to Me," plus an illustrated talk on the Pledge by Leo Ernst.

SOCIETY HONOR ROLL

Societies and unions who have officially become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support during the 1960 Society Roll Call are listed on this year's Honor Roll.

These organizations have been given special certificates. Those receiving gold seals have contributed \$50 or more; red seals represent a gift of \$30; and blue seals, a contribution of \$15.

This second list includes those who enrolled during the Mobilization efforts in the month of February, arranged alphabetically according to states and provinces. As others make their enrollment they will be listed in future issues.

Gold Seal

District of Columbia

Alpha Alumni Fellowship, National City Christian Church, Washington

Indiana

Societies of First Christian Church, Hobart

Texas

Societies of Second Christian Church, Houston

Red Seal

District of Columbia

District of Columbia Alumni Fellowship, Washington

Illinois

Alumni Council, United Congregational Church, Oak Park

Michigan

First Reformed Church, Kalamazoo

New York

Societies of The First Church of Evans, Derby

Blue Seal

Alabama

Alabama Christian Endeavor Union

California

Adult, Lake Avenue Congregational Church, Pasadena

Delaware

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Wilmington

District of Columbia

Clark V. Poling Post No. 64, American Legion, Washington

Golden Rule Union, Washington

Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington

Zion Baptist Church, Washington

Hawaii

Honolulu County Union, Honolulu

Territory of Hawaii Union, Honolulu

Illinois

First Reformed Church of Mt. Greenwood, Chicago

Adult, Presbyterian Church of Our Saviour, Chicago Heights

Indiana

Wren Circuit, Decatur

Union Chapel United Brethren in Christ, Fort Wayne

South Side Christian Church, Hammond

College Park United Brethren Church, Huntington

Societies of Bethany Christian Church, Indianapolis

Fairlawn United Brethren Church, Kokomo

Trinity Reformed Church, Munster

Kentucky

Morris Fork First Presbyterian Church, Buckhorn

Clay General Baptist Church, Clay

Maine

Williston Church, Portland

Maryland

Junior, Army Chemical Center

Central United Brethren Church, Rohrsersville

Carroll County Union, Westminster

Michigan

Senior, First Reformed Church, Grand Haven

Junior, Beverly Reformed Church, Grand Rapids

Junior, Forest Grove Reformed Church, Hudsonville

Senior, Fellowship Reformed Church, Muskegon

Minnesota

American Reformed Church, Woodstock

Nebraska

Holland, Reformed Church, Holland

New York

Hillside Presbyterian Church, Jamaica

North Carolina

High Point Young Adult Society, High Point

Ohio

Edgewood Chapel United Brethren in Christ, Columbus

Bykata Society, Southwood Church of Christ, Columbus

The Otterbein Evangelical United Brethren Church, Dayton

Senior, Fry's Valley Moravian Church, Gnadenhutten

Otterbein Church, Rockford

Kunkle United Brethren Church, West Unity

Ontario

Roseville United Brethren Church, Blair

Senior, United Brethren in Christ Church, Port Colborne

Lambton County Fellowship, Sarnia

Adult, Grace United Brethren Church, Sherkston

Bloom Society, Toronto

Toronto Christian Endeavor Union, Toronto

Pennsylvania

Junior and Intermediate, First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge

Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon

Church of Christ, Bloomsburg

Adult, King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg

Mercer County Union, Fredonia

Luzerne County Union, Kingston

Societies of Westmoor Church of Christ, Kingston

Young People's, Grace Evangelical Congregational Church, Lancaster

Bethel Evangelical United Brethren Church, Lickdale

Senior High, Windsor Baptist Church of Uwchland, Lionville

Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Lititz

Junior, Baptist Temple, Philadelphia

Societies of The Fellowship Church, Philadelphia

West Branch Junior, Philadelphia

Societies of Westminster-Mayfair Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia

Intermediate, Woodland Avenue United Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia

Alumni, Zion Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia

Welsh Presbyterian Church, Plymouth

Berks County Union, Reading

Bethlehem Evangelical United Brethren Church, Red Lion

Friedensaal's Lutheran Church, Seven Valleys

Luzerne County Senior Union, Wilkes-Barre

South Dakota

Aurora Reformed Church, Stickney

Virginia

Jerusalem Chapel United Brethren Church, Churchville

Hope Chapel, Norfolk

Young People's Fellowship, Fairmount-Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, Richmond

Blue Ridge District Union, Roanoke

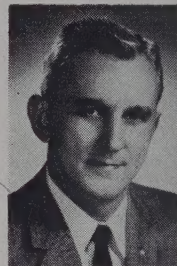
Wisconsin

Trinity Reformed Church, Waupun

Junior, Trinity Reformed Church, Waupun

Citizenship Contests Judges Announced For Society Sections

This board of judges will select the International winners in the Citizenship section of the 1960 Citizenship Contests. Announcement of top winners from each section of the society and the individual winners will be made on April 25.



Jack R. Alton

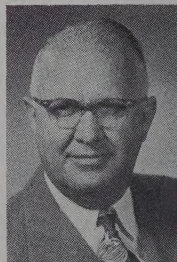
Minister of the Evangelical Congregational Church, Akron, Ohio, Mr. Dunn is serving his second year on the Youth Work Committee of the International Society.

Mr. Alton, in Columbus, Ohio, is a deacon and acting secretary of the church board of the Columbus Christian Church. He is also a member of the adult class.



Rev. Paul Dunn

An executive and president of the Columbus Corporation, Mr. Dunn is serving his second year on the Youth Work Committee of the International Society.



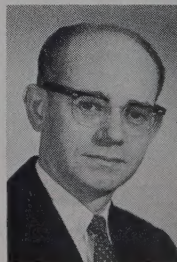
R. Owen Harrison

A past president of the Ohio Union, Mr. Hildreth was associate chairman of the Columbus Convention Committee. He heads the service department of Good Housekeeping Shop.



Robert S. Sheffield

Mr. Sheffield is a weekly publisher of the Standard Company, Columbus, Ohio, is also serving his second year on the Youth Work Committee.



Jay Sheffield

MORE YOUNG ADULT TOPICS

Church: "God's People"

Matthew 16:24-27; Acts 1:8;

1 Thessalonians 5:11-24.

The Christian Church began with men who were Jesus' companions in His traveling ministry, with these men in a borrowed "per room," with a large assemblage at the ecumenical. It is still much more than clergy and church staffs, buildings, liturgy, programs. "The Church is where its lay people are" [Victor Obenhaus] and they are in the shop, office, hospital, school, law court, advertising agency, TV studio, sales territory. Consider the churchman's obligations applied to the day's work, to home life, to the moral and physical welfare of the community, to clean and competent government. One's personal life must be richly uncompromisingly Christian if the individual is to perceive the Christian way of life, to answer questions about it, with Christ. Of such are the Kingdom of Heaven, here on earth, in our times!

Church: "Come and See"

John 1:37-42; Luke 7:20-23.

Master, where dwellest thou?" two of the disciples of John the Baptist asked, and Jesus' cordial suggestion was: "Come and see." The disciples as a group were the witnesses, the witnesses of the ministry of Jesus (note Acts 1:21, 22). John's words, in the verses from Luke 7, are to observe and judge. The church does well to take that principle, suggesting that each of us reinforce his early faith and learn the reach of the Christian spirit by being an active participant, a witness, an endeavorer in the life of the church. Observe, however, the responsibility this places on each member of the flock; the cause will be judged by his response, his fidelity. Does the example help others to be better church members? Does our witness for Christ help encourage those outside the church to "come and see" what the church can offer?

Your Duty Well!

Luke 6:27-38; 10:25-28.

There is no peculiar form of Christianity, but only a peculiar urgency to do our "an duty well" (Alexander Miller, *The Jewel of Man*). Does this concept help explain why Jesus Christ's teachings are in the principles of "love thy neighbor"; "go, sin no more"; rather than a tabulation of good and evil deeds? To do right, in the Christian sense, is more than following high standards; it is *loyalty to Christ*. As man lives this loyalty, his ideals advance—so

that his ethical standards, his neighborly spirit, his interpretation of his own duty become more mature and complete. *Development of theme:* May our personal worship contribute to forming our own patterns of Christian duty? Should study of great Christian lives be encouraged, so we sense where loyalty may lead Christ's men and women? Read Luke 18:10-14, to recall Jesus' warning as to self-satisfaction among those who have sought goodness.

Be Grateful, and Say So!

Luke 17:11-19.

Gratitude is more than good manners. Its products include: (1) making the grateful person more alert in being helpful to others ("pass the spirit along"); (2) encouraging one who was helpful to and considerate of us to continue his good works among his fellows. Discuss instances of "little things" that should not be taken for granted, in our relations with family, friends, and business and professional associates. The Christian in his private devotions will be ever thankful for God's good gifts—and even for some requests once made to God that were not granted in the way or at the time he had suggested. Gratitude toward the unseen Giver and reliance on His ways for dealing with us are among the rich blessings in the committed Christian life.

Old Songs for New Times

Ageless in spirit is that ancient Jewish hymnal, known to us as the Book of Psalms or The Psalter, which is so frequently used in personal and public worship. While we find in these passages expressions of hatred and vengeance of pre-Christian centuries, many portions of the Psalms stimulate the thinking and lift the spirit of those in our times who want to draw closer to God. A number of meetings might deal with these themes and with some of (if not all) the Psalms listed:

Confession and Pardon: Psalms 6, 32, 39, 51, 130.

God as our Refuge and Protector: 46, 61, 89, 90, 91, 103, 129, 142.

Comfort and Assurance: 22, 23, 27, 42, 56, 62, 73, 77, 116, 118, 119 (v. 81-88).

Praise and Thanksgiving: 19, 40, 100, 107, 119, (v. 97-112), 139, 147, 150.

Recommitment: 8, 31, 34, 101, 119 (v. 33-40), 143.

JUNIOR CE MEETINGS The Quarterly for Juniors

TOPICS FOR MAY

May 1. The Family Plays Together. II Timothy 1:5-7.

May 8. The Family Honors Mother. Proverbs 31:26-31.

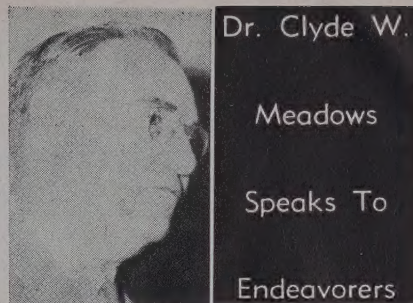
May 15. How the Story Started. Acts 2:41-47.

May 22. The Story Traveled through Philip. Acts 8:5-8, 26, 35.

May 29. The Story Travels through Me. Matthew 5:13-16; I Timothy 4:12.

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Dr. Clyde W.

Meadows

Speaks To

Endeavorers

Your Questions Answered

by International Society's President

Can a "born again" Christian participate in an inter-faith activity which includes Jews, Catholics, and Protestants?

Any Christian can participate in an inter-faith activity as long as he is not asked to compromise his faith or loyalty to Christ. The basis of inter-faith activity is not the reduction of each one's faith to a common denominator, but good will and mutual respect one for the other. Each one must needs come to inter-faith activity with the full strength of his own faith but at the same time a recognition of the right of the other representatives to their own faith. That is American and Christian. We as Christians are to be in the world but not of the world (John 17:15). We are to associate with sinners and people of other faiths and convictions but always as a Christian with love and good will. Jesus was a friend of publicans and sinners (Matthew 11:19; Luke 7:34) and mingled with Pharisees and others of very different views from his own, even worshiping with them on occasion (Luke 11:37; Luke 4:16).

Do you think it is wise for adults to plan the program for young people?

No. Young people need to do this themselves with the friendly Christian counsel and advice of adult leaders. I once tried to help some little chicks to hatch when they were working so hard to peck their way out of the egg shell, but to my amazement every one that I "helped" died. All I could do was to provide a protected and congenial atmosphere for him to do his work of pecking through the egg shell. The same is true in our work with young people.

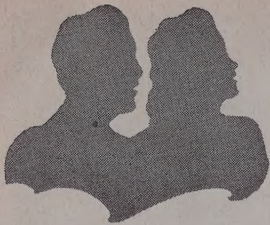
Can one know that he is saved?

Yes. The assurance of our salvation is found in the Word of God. "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24). In a little leaflet that I wrote some time ago, of which nearly a million have been distributed, entitled, "How to be Saved and Live the Christian Life," six simple steps of personal salvation are outlined: I. Hear His Word (John 5:24); II. Repentance (Mark 1:15; Acts 3:19); III. Prayer (Matthew 7:7); IV. Receive Christ (John 1:12); V. Believe (John 3:16; John 3:36); VI. Confession, which means confession of our sins to Christ (I John 1:9); and Confession of Christ to the World (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9,10).

Do you have a question for Dr. Meadows? Send it to him at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

By BERT H. DAVIS

With Young Adults in Christian Endeavor (\$7.50, International Society of Christian Endeavor) includes with other useful material a section presenting three topics suited to Young Adult meetings. Five additional subjects were featured in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD of June-July, 1958. These are others, one of which can be added to five meetings.



If You Lived With Us

Ephesians 6:1-4

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

Comments by Dr. Earle W. Gates*

The Leader Plans Ahead

Every leader who hopes to be successful plans carefully the task before him. This is as true in a single meeting of young people as it is in the greater areas of life. Good meetings or projects do not just "happen."

In this topic there is a great possibility for good, both for the leader and for every member, if it is properly planned. It is the first meeting in a series on "The Christian Home," and should be made to be a mirror of the present homes of the Endeavorers, as well as a pattern for a more ideal home life. In these two weeks we should take two careful looks at Christian family life. This week the leader should strive to beam the meeting to any young person at home; next week will be presented a portrait of the ideal woman as wife and mother.

First the leader should pray for God's guidance in his planning. The true spirit of Christian leadership is the attitude of "Father, what would you have me say and do in this particular situation?" Then he should read the Scripture for the day, Ephesians 6:1-4, and any other passages on home life that a Bible Concordance will reveal. He should think carefully of the needs in his own home, and in those of his friends, noting both the exceptionally good phases as well as the problem areas. He may discuss with pastor, Bible school teacher and friends the matter of Christian family relationships. Specifically, he should seek out the "gripes" of parents about their children, and vice versa. All of these things, added to the suggestions in this topic, will make for a helpful meeting. A helpful meeting is a successful meeting.

The music should be chosen carefully. Hymns such as *I Would Be Like Jesus*, *I Would Be True*, and *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* are most appropriate.

The leader should try to visualize the kind of meeting he wants, then make every effort to make it a reality. Use a chalkboard to list suggestions.

The Aim of the Topic

The aim today is to cause young people to put forth the same effort to be sweet-spirited Christians in their homes as they do before outsiders.

"The Place We Are Loved Most—"

Home is the most wonderful place in the world for nearly every person. It is here that we are loved the most, often far in excess of our merit. Though frequently young people question the thought, it is also here that we are best understood. Discipline that is properly rigid must never be misunderstood as cruelty or lack of understanding. Indeed, psychologists tell us that without discipline, and deserved punishment, a basic insecurity is developed in a child.

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FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

1. What is a Christian family?
2. Describe in detail the characteristics and attitudes of Christian family life.
3. Whose responsibility for pleasant relationships is greater, the parents' or children's? Why?
4. How are young people thoughtless and unkind in their homes?
5. What are the reasons for this attitude?
6. What can be done to make it more Christian?
7. What can parents do to help young people be their best?
8. Is it more important to be Christian in the home, or in outside relationships? Give reasons.
9. How does I Corinthians 13 apply to our family attitudes (interpret "charity" as "love")?
10. "If you lived with us," would we be proud of the family picture we present?

Called by sociologists "the primary group," home is the place where we learn our earliest and most basic lessons, the place where we form a majority of our ideals and attitudes. In our home life perhaps the greatest amount of sacrifice we will ever know is made in our behalf by our parents or others who love us. Home is the place where human love should be refined to its most exquisite degree, and shared by all without measure; it is the place where divine love should be intimately known, and exchanged.

Read I Corinthians 13, substituting for "charity" its proper meaning "love," interpreting it in terms of your own family.

—And Act the Worst

It is a strange paradox that so often home is the place where we truly are loved the most, and yet where we behave the worst. Here it becomes too easy to forget even the common courtesies, the niceties that mark us as desirable company outside.

How often Christian attitudes that are staunchly upheld while among our friends are cast aside in dealing with sister or brother. The "cut-up" at school or at a party becomes a "mope" at home; the chatterbox abroad becomes mute in the family circle, reluctantly substituting a grunt or a sneer for kindly conversation. The "good turn" so eagerly done for outsiders is shunned at home, or actually resented if required. Gentle words become harsh when they cross the family threshold; manners are left outside with the rubbers.

While recounting these things, they have a humorous tone, yet they are not really funny. They are crude, and cruel, and heart-breaking. *How many illustrations of this kind of conduct can you name?*

Then there is the matter of time. The place where young people are loved the most and treated the best too often becomes the place where they spend the least time. How little they realize the sorrow and the pain they cause their parents when they seldom stay home evenings, or share family

outings, or act as sullen prisoners on occasions when they condescend to make the family a break."

Sincere young Christians are ever "witness for Christ," by word or deed, and many are outstanding in their love and their success. Yet it is not unusual that their witness at home is negative, because they are too busy being outside to be Christian there. They become too preoccupied with plans, programs and meetings to home parents or assist them. They sometimes off so frequently to committee meetings they never help with the dishes; they are so engrossed with service at the church that they can't give Dad a hand. *What of "testimony" do you suppose this puzzled parents? Will it draw them to the Master's work, or will it alienate them?*

The topic is "If You Lived With Us." You did, what kind of Christian witness did you see?

Your Hat or Your Heart?

Each one should ask himself, "Is this just the place where I hang my hat, or is it the place where the heart is hung? Is it placed and resolutely maintained? Is it the result of our earnest effort today to see that we are as others see us—in our homes. It is wrong and inadequate merely to have a laughing attitude toward the family. We must make at home. Intelligent and conscientious youth will strive to see and to avoid the inconsistency of the Christian witness who is not trying to be their best among the loved ones. Then constructive action will follow. An old song described a character as being "a street angel and a home devil." *In what ways could you be different?*

What's the Answer?

A proverb says, "To know what is right and not do it, is want of courage." Scriptures go further and say, "To knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, him it is sin" (James 4:17).

Let this very meeting be a personal inventory. A chalkboard could be used to list both the good qualities and the bad in our typical homes. Why not make a project of "fact-finding?" It could be made of the parents, asking them to list the complaints of conduct, at the areas where they receive part of their attention from their offspring. Definite plans should be made to include the families in the events, to spend more time at home, to give greater help in home tasks.

In general, we should be as conscientious with being happy, wholesome and kind among our families as we are among our friends and acquaintances. Some people try to substitute an outward piety for a richness of life. It is possible to be "religious," but not necessarily to be "loving." *How can this apply to young people's homes?*

Know Right from Wrong

Psalms 143:10; 1 Peter 3:8-16



Junior High (12-14 Years)

MAY 1

Comments by Mrs. Aldis L. Webb*

Points of the Lesson

1. To show that God has provided us with a Guidebook which clearly points the difference between the wrong and the right ways.
2. To show that we must earnestly desire to know and do God's will before our consciences may be safe guides for us to follow.
3. To show how our Christian Endeavor pledge helps us to know and follow the right.

Planning the Meeting

This is our monthly consecration meeting. Be sure the wall pledge is hanging where all can see it. At the Roll Call ask each one to respond with a testimony telling how some Bible verse or the Christian Endeavor pledge has helped him make a decision for the right.

To advertise the meeting, draw a large signpost, with one arrow labeled *Right*, and the other, *Wrong*. Print the question, "How do we know right from wrong?" and give the place, and leader of meeting.

Give out the seven main topics to responsible people well in advance of the meeting. The leader should take charge of the discussion after each talk, allowing other questions and discussion suggested by the group.

Lesson Material

1. *The Bible is our Guidebook for Christian living.* There is no problem for which we cannot find the answer in the Bible. (Look up II Timothy 3:16, 17 and list the things which the Bible, the inspired word of God, is profitable.) God has given us His word to help us, and He is eager that we ask His help. Of course we must know our Bibles, and this takes study. (Look up II Timothy 2:15, and tell what advice Paul gave to Timothy. Look up Psalm 119:105 and 119:11 and tell what David said about God's Word.) When Jesus was tempted of Satan, He resisted by being able to quote from the only Bible that He had, the Old Testament. It helped Him to make the right decision.

Discussion: Do we study our Bibles with an open mind, seeking instruction and willing to be reproved or corrected?

2. *Let conscience be your guide.* Many people seem to think that this is a safe rule to follow when a decision between right and wrong is to be made. But some people do not seem to have much of a conscience, or else it has been poorly trained. Paul stoned the Christians with a good conscience. He thought he was pleasing God. He had to be completely changed. After his conversion, he wrote, "Hence I, too, endeavor to have a clear conscience before God." (Moffatt)

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What did Jesus mean when He said, "He that is not with Me is against Me?"
2. What is the meaning of the saying, "He who hesitates is lost"? Why should we always be able to say "Yes" and "No" decisively in the matter of morals?
3. Why is the reason, "Everybody is doing it," not sufficient for the Christian boy and girl to follow?
4. How does the phrase of our pledge, "whatever He would like to have me do," help you to know right from wrong?

Discussion: Is it safe to let your conscience be your guide? Does God give us new desires and ambitions when we give our lives to Him? (Read Romans 12:2.)

3. *When in doubt, don't do it.* This is a rule which many people follow to be sure to be on the right side. Mrs. Francis E. Clark, wife of the founder of the Christian Endeavor movement, used to say, "When I am in doubt, I give the Lord the benefit of the doubt, and I don't do it."

Discussion: Is it true that when you are in doubt about doing something, it is pretty sure to be on the wrong side for the Christian?

4. *Please God rather than men.* When Peter and John healed the lame man at the gate of the Temple, the rulers became alarmed and threatened Peter and John, commanding them that they preach no more in the name of Jesus. This made it necessary for Peter and John to make a decision. Should they let the rulers decide what was right for them to do? Listen to Peter's answer: "Decide for yourselves whether it is right before God to obey you rather than God. Certainly we cannot give up speaking of what we have seen and heard." (Moffatt)

Discussion: Many times non-Christian friends urge us to join them in doing things which we feel in our hearts that we should not do as Christians. Can we be true to Christ if we yield? Can we ever win our friends if we do not have the courage of our convictions?

5. *Make an analysis.* A leading minister said that when he was called upon to make a difficult decision, he would take a piece of paper and make two columns, one "for" and the other "against" the decision. If the longer list was "for," he would go ahead, and if it was "against" he would act accordingly.

Another minister suggests the following questions as tests: 1. Is it common sense to do this? 2. Will I show good sportsmanship in taking this action? 3. Is it prompted by my best self, or will I be ashamed of it later? 4. Would I be willing to have everyone know that I have done this? 5. Would the person I most admire be likely to do this?

Discussion: Discuss both methods in detail. What do you think of them?

6. *Prayer.* It has been said that prayer is one of the most-talked-about and, at the

same time, the least-used source of strength in the life of the Christian. (Look up the following verses and give them: James 1:5; Matthew 7:7; Jeremiah 33:3.) When we pray sincerely, God will direct and guide. Read or quote Proverbs 3:5, 6.

Discussion: Why do you think prayer is so little used as a means to know right from wrong? Can you give an example out of your own life of God's guidance in answer to prayer?

7. *Advice of Christian friends.* If you have a truly Christian friend whose judgment you admire, and one you feel will not let you down or give you just the advice that you want to hear, go to him and seek his counsel. Perhaps you can pray over the matter together.

Discussion: Why must you be sure that the friend is more concerned about your doing God's will than your own?

Leader's Introduction

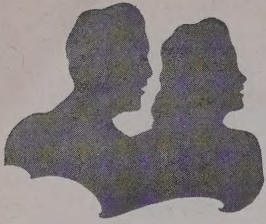
The Christian life is a battle. God wants us to make *right* choices because He wants us to be happy. Satan is constantly trying to get us to do *wrong*. God has given each of us a will and the power to choose and to decide things for ourselves. It is left to us to make the decisions. God has given us guideposts along the way to help us make the right choices, and we shall discuss some of these tonight.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
 Prelude: *Jesus Calls Us*
 Scripture: Proverbs 3:5, 6
 Hymns: 1 *I Need Jesus; Trust and Obey* (verse 1)
 Prayer
 Leader's Introduction
 Scripture Readings (by four different Junior Highs): I Peter 3:8-16; Psalm 1; Psalm 19:7-14; Philipians 4:8.
 Lesson Presentation
 Questions and Discussion
 Solo or Duet
 Pledge and Roll Call
 Sentence Prayers and Benediction

Real Life Situation

Tom had never committed a crime himself, but he was going with a crowd which had a questionable reputation. His mother and his minister pleaded with him to get in with the crowd that was interested in the church, but Tom didn't want to be classed as a sissy. One night the minister's telephone rang and he was asked to go down to the city jail. There he found Tom. He had been out with the gang when they decided to hold up a gas station. Tom was forced to join in the plan at the point of a gun. There was shooting and one of the men at the station was killed. Tom was not guilty himself, but he had listened to the voice of the wrong crowd, and had to pay for it by spending several of the best years of his life in prison.



A Godly Profile

Proverbs 31:10-31

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

MAY

Comments by Mrs. Ernest Hone, Jr.*

Aim

To present a profile of the ideal Christian woman, toward which many young girls may be inspired and challenged to pattern the elements of their character and personality, and from which the fellows may develop a mental measuring stick to use when they contemplate choosing a wife.

Promotion

Place a poster in some prominent place in your church, using the silhouette of a woman's head in profile, cut of a dark color. Use the words, "A Godly Profile," at the top, and below the picture, "Wanted: The World's Most Desirable Woman"; with information concerning date, time and place of meeting.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *If Your Heart Keeps Right*
Scripture: Proverbs 31:10-31
Hymn: *Living for Jesus*
Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *Trusting Jesus*
Leader's Introduction
Topic Discussion
Closing Hymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*
Benediction

Introduction

On Mother's Day as we honor our own mothers we often think of the individual qualities that make them dear to us. Ever since you were young enough to dress up in her clothes and play "Mother," many of you girls have tried, either unknowingly or with careful concentration, to duplicate in your own lives the qualities you most admire in your mother. And many of you fellows who have flourished under a tender, loving mother's care secretly agree with the sentiment in the old song, *I Want a Girl Just Like the Girl that Married Dear Old Dad*. But did you know that the Bible carefully describes all of the attributes of the most desirable woman possible? We're going to take each of these singly and examine them carefully, and then put them together so that we may see the beautiful portrait of a godly woman painted in the book of Proverbs.

A Rare and Priceless Jewel (Proverbs 31:10)

A really virtuous woman is not readily found; her worth is greater than anything found on earth, even than precious gems. Like those gems, however, there are many synthetic likenesses of real virtue. And like the ruby, there can even be such serious flaws that the gem is worthless! A perfect gem is a perfect reflector of light, and a person of real virtue is one who reflects the only true Light, Jesus Christ. (John 9:5)

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Can a Christian woman spend too much time doing church work and other "good" projects?
2. Should a Christian woman seek employment outside her home if it is not economically necessary?
3. Should a Christian woman encourage friendships with non-Christian neighbors?
4. What is the most important obligation of a Christian mother to her children?
5. How can we become "virtuous" in God's sight?

Trustworthiness (Proverbs 31:11)

An old oriental proverb says, "He that trusts is trustworthy." We could paraphrase that and say, "He that trusts God is trustworthy." The qualities of being trustworthy and dependable are acquired characteristics, but if we trust God to help us we can develop and maintain them. If, as in Luke 18:9, we trust only in ourselves, we are only self-righteous.

Consistent Goodness (Proverbs 31:12)

The verse says, "She will do good and not evil..." Can we do both? Can we do good and still sin a little on the side? In James 4:8 we are told not to be double minded; our hearts are to be pure: "good and not evil." You will notice that the verse also includes the words, "...all the days of her life," thereby showing us that this goodness should be a constant and consistent state of soul.

The Willing Worker (Proverbs 31:13, 14)

The ideal woman of the word picture works hard, and with a willing spirit. She is not lazy, but will go to any lengths to complete her task.

A Good Business Woman (Proverbs 31:15, 16)

As in Romans 12:11, this woman is businesslike, careful to consider her purchases, working faithfully and well. She performs her duties punctually and wisely. (Luke 12:42)

Strength (Proverbs 31:17-19)

These verses show us the desirability of being physically strong and mentally alert. This wise woman even worked to develop her physical strength so that she could work efficiently and conscientiously.

Loving-Kindness (Proverbs 31:20)

Unselfishness, interest in others, concern for the needy, and a heart ready and willing to help them are qualities of a virtuous woman. Because of her closeness to God and her interest in others, she is able to comfort and encourage those who are troubled or unhappy. (Isaiah 50:4)

Preparedness (Proverbs 31:21, 22)

She is watchful for the needs of her family, clothes them wisely. She is careful of her own appearance and makes herself attractive. She does not procrastinate, and is prepared for both expected situations and emergencies.

Humility (Proverbs 31:23)

The ideal wife is content to let her husband receive honor and, as also shown in Proverbs 12:4, is willing to be a comple-

ment to his success, rather than seeking acquire personal recognition and glory.

Creative Effort (Proverbs 31:24, 25)

A virtuous woman uses her time wisely develops and puts to use all of the talents she has been given. She does not glory in superfluous things, but is happy in knowledge of well-doing.

Soft-Spoken (Proverbs 31:26)

A virtuous woman is careful of her tongue (James 3:5). She is not boastful, does not gossip (Psalm 101:5), avoids a quick retort (James 1:19), and is kind in her manner speaking as well as in the words she chooses (Proverbs 16:24). She does not talk vain or chatter inanely (Titus 1:10; Ecclesiastes 5:3).

Diligence (Proverbs 31:27)

The virtuous woman is a good housekeeper and careful housekeeper. She does not waste time idly, but busies herself.

Honor (Proverbs 31:28, 29)

The blessings of her children and praise of her husband are the only reward that a virtuous woman needs. When the closest to her appreciate her, she knows her task is well done.

Godliness (Proverbs 31:30, 31)

The "fear of the Lord," as also mentioned in Psalm 19:9, is the main motivation in life of a virtuous woman. Christ is the center of her heart and her home, and of the characteristics that have been mentioned of her godliness are simply a reflection of her godliness (Luke 12:31).

Illustration

Throughout the history of man, and increasingly throughout the years, imitators and copy artists have tried to duplicate and simulate anything and everything valuable, beautiful, or costly. Synthetic jewels are carefully copied from priceless gems, and often only an expert can detect the difference. Famous paintings and other works of art have been reproduced so skillfully that even the original artist has been known to have difficulty recognizing his own work.

Likewise in life, there are imitators of every Christian grace or characteristic. Many people who are apart from Christ are moralistic, and live seemingly sinless, pure, and good lives. But God is our expert, and He makes evident the truly virtuous Christian from the synthetic moralist through the gift of His Holy Spirit. The acid test is given in Galatians 5:22; those who are experiencing the inworking of the Spirit of God bear the "fruit of the Spirit" listed here as the natural product of their relationship to God. And all of those who are trying to be virtuous within the limitations of only human nature can never produce a consistent or "reasonable" facsimile!

Conclusion

Follow the pattern given in God's Word to make yourself into a desirable and beautiful and godly young woman. Follow the pattern given in God's Word to find a desirable and beautiful and godly wife. For the profile of Christlikeness is more desirable and more beautiful than anything earthly

Home Makers

No. 1 in a Series: "Household Christianity"

1 Samuel 1:11-18, 24-28



for High (12-14 Years)

MAY 8

Comments by Mrs. Newell Morgan*

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ure a model home from an architect's
Place it in a conspicuous place where
Junior High Christian Endeavors will
Place this sign by it: "HOUSE OR
E? WHICH? FIND OUT AT Junior
Christian Endeavor next Sunday, May
30 P.M." Have it on display for two
s before the meeting.
rly in the week mail out to all mem-
and individually to their parents, an
tion to attend which has been made
e form of a building blueprint. Make
clever, readable, and urgent! First
mail receives more attention than third

Aims

-) To recognize the fact that there is a
deal of difference between a house
and a home.
-) To face the realization that the diffe-
rence is created by the attitudes of those
who dwell therein.
-) To stress the need for planning for
years that lie ahead when the Junior
s will make homes in their own houses.
-) To stress the need to do one's best
in preparation for then. "What you are
you are now becoming."

Suggested Program Outline

- Prayer Service
- ide: *Are Ye Able, Said the Master*
- : *I Would Be Like Jesus*
- ouncements and Offering
- er's Introduction of Topic and Speakers
- kers:
-) Christian Architect: Blueprints
-) Christian Contractor: Building Prints
-) Christian Home Decorator: Beauty
Prints
- ussion (led by the minister): "What It
akes to Make a House a Home"
- tion Period — youth to speakers and
minister
- hip Service—*We Would Be Building*

Suggestions to Leader

his meeting will have to be kept moving,
e clock! In order to keep it interesting
to end on time, each person will have a
in number of minutes and must abide
nem. Use some type of musical box to
each one know when his time is up.
e that plays *Bless This House* would be
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ch of the speakers should be given just
minutes for each presentation and the
ission period should be limited to fifteen
utes. The architect should stress the
ssity of good planning; the contractor
emphasize the wise use of tools in
ing out plans; and the decorator will
the need for finishing touches.

everything must be well prepared in ad-
e for the best utilization of time and
he effectiveness of the program.

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Church.

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PERTINENT THOUGHTS ON HOME

1. Consider your home a sure retreat from the inroads of the world and strive to keep it that way.
2. Keep your home alert to the possibilities of sharing its peace with others.
3. Cultivate the presence of God in your home, thus making every part and activity of it sacred to Him.
4. Tie your home up with Christ and the Church. This is an unconquerable combination.
5. Make the atmosphere of your home saturated with the power of prayer. "Families that pray together, stay together."
6. Motto for a home—
"Lord, enter Thou my home with me,
Until I enter Thine with Thee."
Taken from Log of the Good Ship
Grace No. 22
7. Practice the Presence of the Unseen Guest at every meal with thanksgiving in your heart for the bounties which God provides.
8. Fortify your home against anything unchristian that would make inroads against its safety: among these things are alcohol, tobacco, narcotics.
9. Make investments for the future of your home by trusting God with His tithe.

Questions for Guided Discussion

- (1) What is needed to change a house into a home?
- (2) How soon should youth develop these attitudes?
- (3) Does it take a lovely house to make a successful home?
- (4) What things in your parents' home would you like in your own?
- (5) What things in your parents' home would you not like in yours?
- (6) How does Christ fit into the plans for a home?
- (7) What was Christ's attitude toward the home?
- (8) What does it take to make a Christian home?
- (9) Who bears the greatest responsibility in the home?

Worship Center for Worship Service

Have the model house that was used for promotion on a table at the front of the room. It should be flanked by electric candles on either side. These candles should be lighted just as the worship service begins. On the top of the house, place these letters (in some removable form): MODEL HOUSE. They should be outstanding enough to be eye-catching but not out of proportion.

Worship Service

Prelude: *Bless This House*
Call to Worship: Psalm 84:1-4a
Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27
Poem: "It Takes a Heap o' Livin'" (Edgar A. Guest)
Voices of Youth (speak and take places)

Silent Meditation

Sentence Prayers (arranged for ahead of time)

Solo: *We Would Be Building*

Benediction

Voices of Youth (for Worship Service)

After the reading of the poem in the worship service, a number of the Junior High Endeavors (depending on the size of the society) speak out, from where they are standing, on what they want in their future home. As they speak each one steps to the model house and places something by it that represents his statement. (For example, one youth might say, "I want God's Word in my home," and places a Bible by the house. Another might say, "I want the presence of Christ in my home" and place a cross by the house.) Use as many as will add to the worship and stay within the time. All who participate should be selected, and prepared ahead of time. As the last one places his symbol by the house, the words across the top are removed and replaced with CHRISTIAN HOME.

Illustration

A doctor and his family moved to a new community where the doctor was going to begin to practice medicine. In the new community they were having a hard time locating a dwelling place. One day a lady in town met the doctor's daughter on the street. She said to her: "I'm sorry you are having such a hard time finding a home to live in." The little girl replied: "Oh, we have our home. We're just looking for a house to put it in."

Honor Present Home Makers

For one half hour preceding the pre-prayer service, hold an open house and coffee hour for all parents of the members of the Junior High Christian Endeavor. The members should do all the work themselves—before, during and after. Show the present home makers that tomorrow's home makers can do a worthwhile project all by themselves. Make it nice but not so elaborate that it takes too much time from other needed preparation for the evening meeting.

Home Makers

H appiness on the inside
O bjective—working together for the good of all
M ore consciousness of the other fellow
E ager response to needed tasks
M elodies of love in the heart
A sking for less, and giving more of self
K eeping sweet in adversity
E nveloped by the love of God
R eceiving criticisms correctly
S eeking Christ's constant companionship

Definitions

HOUSE—a structure for human habitation
HOME—the abiding place of domestic affections
HOUSEKEEPER—one who does or oversees keeping the house clean
HOME MAKER—The one who ties the home together with love



I Don't Have Time

No. 1 in a Series: "Problems of Christian Stewardship"

Ecclesiastes 12:1-7

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

MAY

Comments by Dr. W. W. McKinney*

Promoting the Meeting

To arouse interest hang up in conspicuous places as many calendars as you can collect. Paint a few posters with words, "What time is it?" and the answer underneath: "Take time to come to Christian Endeavor on time." Another poster could announce the theme: "I Haven't Time." Why? Answer at Christian Endeavor Tonight.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*

Scriptural Roll Call

Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Prayer Period

Announcements and Offering

Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 12:1-7

Leader's Introduction

Discussion by Three Speakers

Question and Answer Period

Hymn: *Living for Jesus*

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Leader's Introduction

During the next three meetings, we will be thinking about three of the most frequently repeated excuses. We ought to have lively discussions since we will be talking about things in our own life and our own tendency to offer excuses.

Tonight the excuse is: "I haven't time." How often we have heard that excuse! How often we have repeated the excuse as justification for refusing a request!

Most of the time we feel we are giving a real reason. We seem so busy as we attempt to do the many things that crowd the day's work and pleasure. Teachers give us so much homework we haven't time to come to Christian Endeavor meetings or serve on one of the more active committees. The list is endless — social engagements, baseball or track practice, extracurricular activities, part-time jobs to earn needed spending money, required duties at home, absorbing T.V. programs, etc.

Yes, we are busy young people. The more popular we are the busier we become. We do not mean to tell a white lie when we say we are too busy. We honestly feel the pressure of our complex schedules as many activities compete for our free time.

But let us face it frankly tonight. Are we as busy as we think we are? How important or how rewarding are the things we are doing? Think over your answers as three speakers now discuss our popular excuse from their supplementary viewpoints.

I. It Is a Dishonest Excuse

It is dishonest because we all have the same amount of time. We all have 24 hours of time every day. We may differ in talents and wealth but no one has more time than we have. The busy man and the loafer have this one thing in common—an equal number of hours. Some people use wisely this equal

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AIMS

1. To face frankly a very popular excuse.
2. To discover what "Stewardship of Time" means.
3. To plan a better use of our time.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Apart from eating and sleeping and attending school, what thing absorbs most of your time?
2. Is it more important than Christian work? Is that the answer you would give to Christ? If not, why not?
3. What things can young people do for Christ in your church?
4. Discuss the wisdom of each person drawing up a weekly time schedule for the things he expects to try to do.

gift of time; others waste it. No one can honestly claim that he has been short-changed or discriminated against in the daily allotment of time.

Hence the author of the book of Ecclesiastes in his third chapter assures us "there is a time for everything." Listen as I read a few verses. The list is lengthy and comprehensive. By detailed examples the author would convince us that we are being dishonest with ourselves when we say we haven't time to do what we should do.

The first verse of our Scripture lesson (12:1) warns us that the law of habit is very binding. The author would have us early form the habit of putting first things first if life is to have meaning for us and bring to us the joy of usefulness. It is easy to fall into the habit of loafing and wasting precious time. All of us can do much more than we do if we form the habit of budgeting our time wisely and of conserving for productive purposes the lost minutes which form the precious hours of life. Experience confirms the proverb: "If you want something done promptly, ask a busy man to do it." He has formed the habit of using the minutes other people waste.

II. It Is a Selfish Excuse

We think we haven't time because we spend too much time doing the things we selfishly want to do. We can always find time to do the things we desire to do. Even when we are busy, it is surprising how easily we find time to do the things we enjoy doing or feel are necessary to be done for our selfish welfare. Some people enjoy studying or achieving the honor of high rank in school. Others spend hours developing athletic or musical skill.

Others who are true Christians enjoy church work of all kinds. They rejoice to be of service both to God and man. They budget other necessary activities and limit their social engagements so as to allow more time to do the things God wants them to do. A sense of duty controls them. They are eager to make Christian Endeavor meetings interesting and profitable. As a result they dedicate the necessary time in preparation and in coaching less experienced young people. They have their homework completed by Saturday night, leaving Sunday

free to do what they can for Christ and church.

They believe Christ must come first their lives. They curtail their recreation so that Christ can work in and through them in various phases of helpful activity. They have entered into a partnership with Him and refuse to say "no" to the prompting of His spirit. For them stewardship of time is a very practical Christian principle.

III. It Is a Sinful Excuse

We are guilty of the sin of disobedience when we use our time so selfishly that must plead the excuse, "I haven't time live and serve as God desires me to do. The fourth commandment has an application here that we sometimes forget. Repeat to me the first four sentences of that commandment. God is there telling us that one-seventh of our time belongs to Him. During the six-sevenths, we can "labor and do all our work."

An obedient steward sets aside for religious and humanitarian service at one-seventh of his waking hours. He does not use all that dedicated one-seventh Sunday. Oftentimes essential employment requires us to work on Sunday. The obligation to use one-seventh of our time to the Lord rests on all sincere followers of Christ.

Now ask yourself this question: How much time do I spend in the Lord's service? Write on the blackboard the time spent in all phases of Christian activity. List your weekday activities, as well as the Sunday services, the time spent in private meditation and in study for religious teaching preparation for participation. You can't find the time spent in calling absent members, phone and in visiting the sick in their homes or in hospitals and in committee work. Does it all add up to an average of one-seventh of your time? Dare we tell God we have time when we are not faithful stewards of God's portion of our time?

Closing Illustration

A man once had a vision in which he seemed to be standing in the midst of an assembly of evil spirits. On the throne sat their ruler Satan, grasping the scepter of wickedness in his hand. Summoning his subjects about him, Satan said in a loud voice, "Who will go to earth and persuade men to accomplish the ruin of their souls?"

Numerous volunteers offered suggestions for the most effective temptations. After other suggestions had been rejected Satan, a dark spirit glided forward and said, "Satan, I will go."

"And what will you tell them?" asked Satan.

"I will tell them that there is no happiness in this world," answered the spirit.

He was the one chosen to go. He stood abroad in the earth. The loafer and the procrastinator always feel they haven't time for religious service.

When Temptation Comes

No. 2 in a Series: "Household Christianity"

Job 2:7-10

Junior High (12-14 Years)

MAY 15



Comments by Frances M. Becker*

What About Temptation?

Temptation in itself is not a sin. If you look in your dictionary you will find that the word *tempt*, means "to put to trial; to test; to persuade to evil." No evil act has yet been committed on the part of the person being tempted. If, however, the person yields and yields to temptation, then is he displeased for then the person has sinned.

How Temptation Comes

The Devil likes nothing better than to work alluring temptation in the path of young people, old people, ALL people. He especially aims for those who have accepted Christ and have dedicated their lives to His service.

It's a challenge to the Devil to entice those who have said, "Trusting in the Lord is Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would have me do." You see, if the Devil can cause a baptized Christian to stumble and fall, Satan has not only harmed that one person but he has caused many others, for when that Christian set an example, to others and topple in their faith.

Don't be misled into believing that once we've accepted Christ, temptations stop. If the Devil was willing to tempt Job, a man who lived day by day in his home as God would have him live, He'll tempt you. If the Devil was even brash enough to tempt Lord Jesus, he certainly won't stop with you.

And temptations come so subtly, camouflaged to look like anything but invitations to do wrong. They sound something like:

"You're only young once, so _____"
"You can't be different from the rest of the crowd."

"You're not doing wrong, only living a little."
"No one will ever know. Don't be chicken!"

Where Temptation Occurs

Anywhere! Right in your own home you may be tempted to deny and defy God by the way you behave. Household Christianity means to mean something when a family of individuals in a family stand firmly against temptation and then receive the blessings from God as they overcome temptation.

Adam, right in his own family, was enticed to eat of the fruit which God had forbidden. He weakened and so sinned against God and was driven from the Garden of Eden. Job, however, even though his wife told him "to curse God and die," stood firmly against the wiles of the Devil and lived to reap God's blessing.

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SOME THINGS TO DO

1. In preparation for the lesson, assign for a brief report the stories of Bible temptations. Have each one tell a story in not more than three minutes. (Ex., Adam, Job, Joseph, Jesus.)

2. Discuss briefly some of the ways in which young people are tempted today. What have you done about these temptations?

3. Make a list of Bible verses that have been helpful to people in time of temptation. Distribute for people to memorize at least three. (Ex., Isaiah 41:10: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness.")

Psalm 119:11: "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee."
James 1:12: "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him.")

4. Select appropriate hymns to sing:

- a. Are Ye Able, Said the Master
- b. I Need Jesus
- c. O Jesus, I Have Promised
- d. Let the Beauty of Jesus
- e. I Would Be Like Jesus

5. Try this little rhyme for memorization:

"Every time that we yield to temptation
It is easier for us to do wrong;
Every time we resist temptation,
It is easier for us to be strong."

6. A good traffic rule on the road of life is:
"When you meet temptation, turn to the right."

Temptation can occur anywhere but if the home is a Christian home then it has given to its members three powerful weapons to resist temptations. With them you cannot fail.

Resisting Temptation

Since the family is the first organized group into which a child comes, parents have the responsibility for so living that each child's feet will be firmly rooted to resist temptation when it occurs. How?

1. Bible reading day by day in the home presents God's Word to those who listen. God has ways to overcome temptation which He shares with His people. Proverbs 3:5, 6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." God does not promise freedom from temptation but He does promise strength to resist and overcome temptation. Hear what Paul says in I Corinthians 10:13, "... God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

2. Prayer is your direct communication line to God. Through daily communion with Him you may ask Him to help you resist temptations and then listen to Him and obey His leading for your life. Tennyson once said, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." More strength and courage and direction and help will come to you if you'll just use this privilege available to a Christian. How much individual and family prayer is there in your home? Has the Devil been successful in tempting you to keep prayer out of the home? Here's your opportunity to become an influence for good in your home.

3. The third weapon which a Christian home offers against temptation is Christian example. The way you live, act, speak, work, share and cooperate can bind you together as a family which helps each member find greater strength and courage and higher moral standards.

When We Yield

Just recently an article about the carnivals in Europe which precede the Lenten season told of thousands of dollars being spent on gaiety, drink and frivolity, tempting people to become loose in their morals, to forget themselves and their cares, to "live, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die." How true, for the days, months and years following such a carnival find hundreds in "unredeemable bankruptcy, fear of being found out, daily suicides, continued unrestraint in daily living, and a bolder and more open stand against God." "He that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption" (Galatians 6:8)!

Members of the "Royal Family"

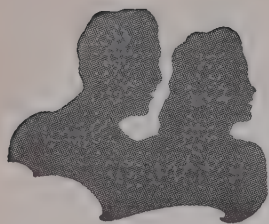
The first missionary to Japan came in contact with members of the royal family during his service in the Land of the Rising Sun. When the missionary returned to England on one of his furloughs he received a visit from some members of the Japanese royal family who were traveling in England at that time.

Later on in the day another group of Japanese people called upon the missionary and said to him soon after their arrival, "You have been entertaining royalty here today."

"What makes you think so?" the missionary asked.

One of the visitors answered, "There is a perfume manufactured in Japan which may only be used by the royal family. No one else is permitted to use it and I have noticed the fragrance of that perfume in your apartment. So, someone from the royal family must have been to visit you."

Do we as members of the royal family of God shed abroad a fragrance that tells others of the love of God and the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ? What sort of example do we set to help others resist temptation?



I Can't Afford It

No. 2 in a Series: "Problems of Christian Stewardship"

Philippians 4:10-20

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

MAY

Comments by Dr. Samuel S. Haas*

Promoting the Meeting

About two weeks before the meeting display on the church and Sunday school bulletin boards posters with these words at the top: **WHICH WOULD YOU CHOOSE?** Paste a picture of a soft drink or ice cream soda at the left, print the word **OR**, and then on the right side paste a picture of a symbol denoting the church or the Christian faith, such as a cross, a Bible, or a church. You can put several such alternatives on each poster or vary each with another choice, such as a movie marquee and a stained glass window, or a necktie and a pew. Underneath these pictures print: **COME TO OUR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEETING** (date, time and place) **AND DISCOVER WHETHER YOU WILL MAKE THE SAME CHOICE AFTERWARDS.**

Program Suggestion

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship
Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us*
Prayer of Adoration and Confession
Scripture: II Corinthians 8:1-15
Special Music, or Hymn: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Sentence Prayers
Offertory
Presentation and Discussion of Topic
Silent Meditation
Hymn: *Have Thine Own Way*
Benediction

Introduction

The expression, "I can't afford it," is one with which all of us are acquainted and which we have used on various occasions. It is a good expression and used to our credit when it reflects our highest and best moral judgment as well as our true financial situation. However, this expression can also be used to our hurt and shame when it reflects instead our indifference or our unwillingness to do with our talent and treasure those things that have a just claim upon us.

How often is it used in this fashion where the church and its program is concerned. Let the church or the Christian Endeavor society consider a challenging budget to provide adequately for meeting the opportunities to witness effectively for Jesus Christ and the expression most frequently heard will be on the part of those asked to give more: "I can't afford it." That this is really an excuse and not the true picture is borne out by the fact that these same people can always afford what they truly want.

But can one *not* afford to support his church or Christian Endeavor society with a just portion of his time, talent, and treasure? Let us examine what Paul, in particular, and the Bible, in general, has to say about this matter of giving.

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Most of us have an allowance or money that we earn. Ask each one to write down how this money is spent and to consider the reasons for each expenditure. What does this reveal as to what is most important to each person?
2. If you had to decide between a sundae and a gift to the church, which would win out? Why?
3. Would there be a church today if all the members gave to its support on the same basis as you? If so, then explain your method. If not, then what ought you to do about it?

Intent and Deed

Paul emphasizes that a proper stewardship of our resources is the most practical way at our command to translate a good intention into action. Read II Corinthians 8:11. Compare this translation with Moffatt's which is more in keeping with the language of today.

Look up the story of the rich young ruler in Matthew 19:16-22. What was his intention? In his case, what was required to project that good intention into reality? Was he able to do it? What was the probable result of his failure?

Money is the hand on the arm of our intentions and purposes. It extends a healing touch, a strong uplifting grasp or a blow of injury in our use of it. It is the tool by which we give open expression to our deepest motives. Thereby do we show that we really mean what we say.

Size and Spirit

This projecting of our intentions with our money is successfully realized not by the size of our offerings but by our willingness to give out of our living rather than our surplus. The element of sacrifice must be present.

In this connection look up Luke 21:1-4. What is Jesus praising in this instance: size or spirit? Why? Compare this view of Jesus with Paul's words in II Corinthians 8:2-4.

When sacrifice is involved then the gift made reveals the spirit of love. Love is the essence of the Christian faith because it was the spirit and nature of Him by whose name we are called and in whose steps we seek to walk. See II Corinthians 8:9.

Well is this spirit demonstrated by an incident in the life of King David (I Chronicles 21:18-27). To bring an end to a severe pestilence which the disobedience of David has brought upon the land, David was commanded by God to set up an altar in the threshing floor of the prosperous farmer Ornan. What led David this time to do as the Lord requested of him? See I Chronicles 21-17. Why did David refuse Ornan's generous offer? See verse 24. Had David accepted Ornan's offer, what would he have revealed instead?

Gifts that are reflective of sacrifice because prompted by love keep us from growing self-centered in our living and mean in spirit. A life grows in proportion

to its investments in others. That is the reward of our willingness to spend ourselves and our substance in Christ's cause and that is the way of love. That is why Paul urged the Corinthians: "Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also" (v. 7).

Ways and Means

Giving must not be haphazard or sporadic, by fits and starts. Being a grace like all other virtues it must be carefully nurtured and exercised. To this intent Paul offers this sound advice: "Upon the first day of the week let every man of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him. Herein are contained the two rules that must be followed in order to cultivate the grace of giving into a virile virtue.

The first is regularity: "on the first day of the week." To have a set time for doing anything forms a habit and a habit in time becomes a very part of our nature. There is an old proverb which states this truth in a striking simile: "Habit is a cable. Every day we weave a thread of it until at last it cannot break it."

The second guiding principle for the cultivation of the grace of giving is proportion. Paul insisted on gifts proportional to the giver's ability as well as the urgency of the object of need. He established a percentage ceiling on offerings. It was "God hath prospered him."

All too often we are like a certain English woman who had been poor but in later years had inherited a small fortune and confessed to her pastor: "When I had a shilling purse I had a shilling heart. Now I have a guinea purse but a two-pence heart."

Proportionate giving as God prospers a person reveals an appreciative and grateful heart, mindful of God's favor and blessing.

Conclusion

When next you are tempted to respond "I can't afford it" to an appeal of your church or society for greater financial support, ask yourself, "Can I afford a mean and niggardly spirit within? Can I afford to be a hearer of the Word and not a doer? Can I afford to disappoint God just to satisfy myself? Can I afford to love Christ less than Christ loves me?"

If so, then you can afford to say, "No," your church with your giving.

If not, then you can't afford to say, "I can't afford it."

Illustration

A missionary in India relates an experience he had which can teach us much. While baptizing some new converts, Christianity one came along who had been accompanied by several curious friends. As he stood on the bank of the river ready to enter the water his friends offered to hold his wallet so that it would not become wet. "Thank you just the same," the missionary reports him as saying, "but I want that to be baptized, too."

When Sorrow Comes

No. 3 in a Series: "Household Christianity"

II Samuel 12:15-23; I Thessalonians 4:13-18



Senior High (12-14 Years)

MAY 22

Comments by Mary Lou Funk*

Advertise Your Meeting

Poster Ideas: In addition to the time, place, etc., your poster may be illustrated with pictures of Jesus' cross and empty tomb. If you are having a panel, you could draw a table and bodies of your panel speakers and moderator seated at the table; film photographs, cut out their heads and place them in place.

In the Sunday morning service have your counselor or pastor hold up the question box and read a few questions from it. Then have some of your members announce some of the results of the meeting.

Leader's Preparation

Select panel speakers and moderator from members who are best qualified to speak on the subjects designated. Be sure to do this at least one week in advance. Designate one other member to be responsible for the table and chairs to be used during the panel and question box.

Make an attractive "Question Box" and have it in the Christian Endeavor meeting on May 15. During that evening, briefly explain the topic for the May 22 meeting. Announce to anyone who has a question on the topic that May 22 may write out the question and place it in the box. The questions may be typed or unsigned. Provide pencils and paper for this. Be certain to make advance arrangements with the leader of the May 15 meeting for the time to do this. That same evening give the box to your counselor. Some questions may require time for meditation and research.

Counselor

Panel Discussion—Give guidance in the selection of speakers and moderator. Meet with them at least one week before the meeting. Explain how a panel discussion is conducted. You may also be able to give them some suggestions in planning their discussions.

Question Box—At least two weeks prior to this meeting, contact the pastor about participating in this part of the program. If he is able to do so, cooperate with him in planning and presenting it. If he is unable, perhaps another qualified person in your church can.

If any of the young people sign their names to their questions, do not read their names on the evening of the program. Any named names may guide you in understanding and counseling those young people. In case the young people themselves do not put many questions in the box, some are suggested for your use. You may wish to add others.

As a result of this meeting, some unsaved young people who attend may be led by the Holy Spirit to receive Christ as their Saviour. Be prayerful in preparing and participating

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AIMS

1. To recognize that even young people meet sorrow.
2. To realize why there are differences in the way people respond to the death of a friend or loved one.
3. To become better prepared to encounter sorrow.
4. To gain a better understanding of what death is.

in this program so that you will be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's direction.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude: *Beyond the Sunset*
Song: *He Lives*
Prayer
Leader's Introduction of Topic
Scripture: II Samuel 12:15-23; I Thessalonians 4:13-18
Song: *He Rose Triumphantly*
Panel Discussion
Question Box
Discussion of Life Illustrations
Benediction

Leader's Introduction of Topic

You've heard of so-called "holy men" of India lying on beds of nails or spikes for long periods of time. They think that if they bear enough pain they can make atonement for their sin. Others endure different forms of self-torture—some stand on their feet all day, with absolutely no activity; others stare at the sun all day.

Some heathen, in their efforts to appease their gods or goddesses, sacrifice the lives of their own children. Even among the most civilized people there are many who by their own human acts and efforts attempt to atone for their sin.

But one of the unchangeable facts of the universe is that no human being can receive forgiveness of sin except through a personal confession of sin to God and faith in His Son, Jesus Christ.

So to those who seek human ways, in life and especially in death there is an overwhelming sorrow that they do not know how to face.

Death brings sorrow to everyone everywhere at some time or other. But there is a world of difference in the way Christians and non-Christians react to it.

Panel Discussion

Have three panel speakers and a moderator, all selected at least one week in advance, seated at a table in the front of the room. Each of the speakers will discuss individually and in turn the subjects listed below. Follow this with an open discussion by everyone present.

We Can Meet Sorrow with Peace and Rejoicing—

1. By having faith in Christ.
2. By thinking on what Christ has provided for believers for eternity.
3. By sharing our Christian faith and hope with others.

4. By having an understanding of what death is.

Question Box

During the week preceding this meeting the counselor and pastor will divide the questions and prepare their answers.

Taking turns, they will read and answer the questions.

Additional Questions:

Why is there such a thing as death?
What happens to our souls and bodies when we die?

Will we have bodies in heaven? If so, what will they be like?

Why are people sad at the death of a Christian?

Why does God allow children, young people, and young fathers and mothers to die?

What do people do in heaven?

What is heaven like?

Why does God not allow everyone to go to heaven if hell is such an awful place?

Life Illustrations

In Acts 12 we read that King Herod killed James, the leader of the Church. After Peter became the leader, Herod arrested him and planned his execution. The night before he was to die, "Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains; and the keepers before the door kept the prison" (verse 6). *How could Peter sleep in the midst of those surroundings and knowing he was to die in the morning? What was the outcome?*

The story of the death of the five young missionaries to the Aucas Indians in 1956 has gone around the world.

Almost as remarkable as the faith of those five young men in going to those very savage Indians is the faith of their wives evidenced in the way they awaited and received the news of their husbands' deaths.

In the tense days when they were not certain whether their husbands were alive or dead, these women calmly went about various activities.

When the news finally came that all five had been killed by the Aucas, the wives gathered in the living room with their children and others who had come to be with them. Scripture passages about heaven were read. One of the wives went to the piano and played a hymn. Another one of them sang it.

A few days later they were flown over the spot where their husbands died and were buried. As the plane circled over the site, they read from II Corinthians 5, then knelt on the floor of the plane and prayed.

Today Betty Elliot, one of the wives, with her daughter and Rachel Saint, sister of one of the martyred men, live among the Aucas. They are there to learn the language of the Aucas in order to translate the Bible into their language.

How do you explain the actions of these women?

Why did the Apostle Paul say, "For me to die is gain"?



I Won't Fit There

No. 3 in a Series: "Problems of Christian Stewardship"

Philippians 4:13

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

MAY

Comments by Dr. Bastian Kruithof*

What Are We Trying To Do?

In studying this subject perhaps a very simple way to put the problem before us is to say that we are trying to be honest about our excuses and sincere about overcoming them. At times we do feel incompetent, we do have a sense of our personal weaknesses. Humility requires that of us. But we have no right to let our excuses stand in the way of possible accomplishments. No one can really say what he can or cannot do until he has tried hard, seriously and sincerely. It is easy to give up before trying or after a little trying, but that is certainly not the Christian way.

Paul has a real lesson for us. He gives us a spiritual and mental shot in the arm. Suppose we invite the blessed shock.

Publicity

Post some pictures of men and women who have made good in the face of many obstacles. Post the names of such people even if you cannot get the pictures. Perhaps the general heading could be: *Look What These People Did.*

Leader's Preparation

Read up in some short account the life of Paul.

Read up in an encyclopedia on the lives of David Livingstone, William Carey, Helen Keller.

Perhaps the leader knows some Christian who has overcome troubles and served well. Plan to tell of this person's achievements in the face of odds.

The leader should read carefully and thoughtfully Philippians 4:11-13. That way he will see and understand what Paul is talking about. So often in a discussion group we depend on our own notions without much research. That is, we go off half-cocked. It is much better and much more rewarding to think through the basic material before us. Then we can think and talk.

What Paul Is Saying

The great apostle is not complaining. He is grateful for what the Philippians have done for him. He is not grumbling because of his economic condition. Through a life of hardship he has learned to be content no matter what the situation is. He knows what abundance is; he knows what want is. Whether it is feast or famine, he is satisfied. If there is suffering, that is good. If there is no suffering, that is good also.

He is not a discontented person, not a sobber. Just because he is a Christian he does not expect everything to be in his favor always. His Master had told His disciples: "Behold, I send you forth as sheep among wolves." Wolves are not very kind to sheep. And again: "Ye shall appear before

SUGGESTED PROGRAM OUTLINE

Pre-Prayer Service

Hymn: *Living for Jesus*

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-13

Sentence Prayers

Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Announcements

Offering

Prayer

Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Leader's Talk

Discussion

Hymn: *Where He Leads Me*

Benediction

governors and kings." These early Christians got into trouble time and again. They knew what imprisonment meant. They were beaten and stoned. Paul knew this. He experienced it. Yet he was satisfied.

What was the secret of his life? "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." You see, Paul knew definitely that he was not alone, that he did not have to go it alone. There was always His Saviour and Master giving him the strength to bear anything that might happen. Paul saw events and experiences not only in time, but under the arch of eternity. God had a plan for his life, and that plan would be carried out to victory even though the way would at times be hard to travel.

Overcoming Handicaps

Often we feel unfit for something. That has its good side. It may be an expression of humility. But perhaps we make it an excuse so that we will not have to do anything. Too readily the easy way out appeals. But nothing worthwhile is accomplished that way. We need more of the spirit that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

In my ministry I have met shining examples of Christians who did not give up but went on to conquer when troubles came.

I have a friend who was a very active person in the church. He really worked hard. Then something hit him. It was discovered that he had a tumor on the spine. A very serious operation saved his life but left him unable to walk. He has spent years in a wheel chair. Did he give up? By no means. He is very active in his church and on a school board. He has a part-time job. He drives a car. I have never met a more cheerful person. He puts many of us to shame.

I have a young friend who is what some people would call a hopeless and helpless spastic. But he isn't that at all. He has a hard time walking; sometimes he falls. But he goes about cheerfully. He works as much as he can. At church meetings he offers beautiful prayers. He shows a great interest in religious and theological problems. He has given me many an inspiration.

There is a young mother who has been in an iron lung for years. Her husband takes infinite pains to help her. Each Sunday they

listen to the radio service of a local church. Occasionally they write of what it means to them, and even send a check. Talk about overcoming obstacles, this is it! The people too can do all things through Christ who gives them strength.

Digging Up Our Talents

Many of us have not had such experiences. We have a fair measure of hearing. Paul did also, although he had a "thorn in the flesh."

But we may complain that we do have the ability to do this or that in church. We really don't know until we try.

Now God does not ask us to do what absolutely cannot do. He does not ask us to be an ingenious musician. Though I like good music, I am not an accomplished player on any instrument. So you may think that you are not competent to write or speak or to do much of anything in your church or society. Just remember that God does not expect the impossible. He does ask us to squeeze lemonade out of nutmeg. But He has given you some talents. And it is these He wants you to use and develop. It will take hard work, but that is what we are here for.

Don't say, "I don't fit there." God can help you to fit there. Before and during student days I used to train people to work on certain machines in a factory. They were very awkward at it at first, as I was when I learned. But it did not take long before they became very accomplished at it.

You can train yourself for many things. It takes effort and the will to win. You can learn to swim by staying out of the water. Plunge into something worthwhile. Christ will help you. Like the football coach who makes a team out of green material, God makes a church out of incompetent people.

I can do all things as long as Christ gives me the strength.

Questions for Discussion

1. How honest are we about our excuses?
2. Do we expect to go it alone without any help?
3. Does God ask us to be successful if we are faithful?
4. Do we really make an effort to find out what we can do?
5. What is the Christian but a made-over sinner by God's grace?
6. Do we ever reflect that some people are doing it? Why can't I?

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 122 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price 50c each, \$5 per dozen, \$40 per hundred.

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STRONG IN FAITH

by Kate Vanderberg

My eye of faith seemed dim one day,
My ear was dull and bored,
I did not seem to feel the warmth
I once felt with my Lord.

The things of earth obstructed views,
And faith could scarcely see,
I seemed to walk so haltingly
With Him who died for me.

Into my troubled heart there came
This soothing word of cheer,
"Have you tried looking up beyond
The things that interfere?"

I looked, I saw, I met my Lord,
My faith's renewed and bright,
I'll walk with Him through all my days
"Til faith is changed to sight."

the unlimited power of Christ even over death itself.

Certain circumstances in life sometimes affect one's faith in Christ. Satan tries to instill fear into the heart of the believer during times of anxiety and stress. Sometimes faith is tried when one feels frustrated or defeated. In your school relationships you may find your faith put to the test. Unbelieving classmates may be Satan's instruments to weaken your faith.

When you find your faith wavering, try the following suggestions, and you will find your faith strong and ready to conquer any obstacle in the name of Jesus Christ, your Saviour.

1. Draw closer to God through prayer and Bible study.

2. Do not try to "reason out" your faith in Christ. Christ died for you because He loves you, and love is above reason, and therefore does not fit into an arithmetic formula. Simply trust Christ with the present and leave your future in His hands, and go on your way rejoicing.

3. Find passages in the Bible dealing with faith and memorize them, repeating them often, either aloud or in your heart.

4. Talk to an older Christian about your faith. He can and will encourage you, and you will find your faith growing stronger. (See your pastor, your parents, your Christian schoolteacher, or your Sunday school teacher)

5. Find your joy in serving Jesus in whom your faith is fixed. Attend your church and Sunday school regularly. Take part in your Christian Endeavor society. Be willing to serve your Lord whenever an opportunity arises, whatever the task may be. Jesus, the Lord of all, was willing to wash His disciples' feet! Even the lowliest job becomes glorified if done by a faithful follower of Jesus. Remember you belong to Christ and to His Church! If you are willing to serve

Jesus with your whole heart, you will find that your weak faith has grown strong in the power of His might. Serve your Lord with gladness.

Questions for Discussion

1. In what or whom must we have faith?
(Answer. We must have faith in God, the Father; Jesus Christ, the Son; and the Holy Spirit. Faith takes in the spiritual awareness of Christ as our Saviour and accepting Him in His atoning work for our redemption.)

2. Is faith necessary to be a Christian?

(Answer. Faith is absolutely necessary on this side of the grave. When we get to heaven our faith will be changed to sight, for "we shall see Him as He is." Now, we see our Saviour through the eye of faith; then we shall see Him face to face.)

3. Can we help it that our faith is sometimes weak and sometimes strong?

(Answer. Your responsibility is not in being tempted to doubt, but in the fact that you sometimes give in to the tempter, and doubt. Your faith should not be dependent upon your feelings at any given time. Say with the Apostle Paul, "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day" II Timothy 1:12.)

4. How can weak faith be made strong?

(Answer. See the five suggestions given above which deal with the strengthening of faith.)

An Exercise on Faith

(Various members could be given the following Scripture passages to look up. Supply them also with the question and have them ask the question and answer it with the verse in the Bible.)

1. How should we walk? II Corinthians 5:7
2. How should we stand? I Corinthians 16:13
3. How should we live? Galatians 2:20
4. What should we wear? I Thessalonians 5:8
5. Who is the object of our faith? Ephesians 3:17-19
6. How does faith affect us? Ephesians 3:12
7. How should we ask for something? James 1:6
8. What can overcome the world? I John 5:4

Further Suggestions

Sing, discuss, or repeat some of the hymns of the church pertaining to strong faith. (Faith of Our Fathers; Faith Is the Victory; Trust and Obey; My Faith Looks Up to Thee; and others)

Bible Passages which show the active faith of certain characters in the Bible are: Matthew 9:27-30; Mark 9:17-27; Luke 5:18-25; Luke 7:1-9; Luke 7:44-50; Acts 14:8-10; the chapter on the heroes of faith, which is Hebrews 11.

Aims

To find ways and means for the strengthening of our faith.

To learn how to possess a deep and abiding faith in Christ regardless of natural circumstances.

To be willing to exercise our faith in Christ.

Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Service

Announcements

Singing Hymns: Only Believe; I Would Be Like Jesus

Scripture: John 11:1-5, 20-27, 39-44

Prayer

Presentation of the Topic

Discussion Period

Prayer

Singing Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Benediction

Introduction

You will notice that the topic for today speaks about a time in our lives "when faith grows weak." The title takes it for granted that we do have faith, for something that does not possess in the first place cannot grow weak, can it? The title also seems to say that sometimes it is strong for it has capacity to grow weak.

What is this faith which might grow weak? It involves believing with one's whole heart that which one has not seen with his physical eyes. We as Christians have faith in God, our Father; we have faith in Jesus Christ, our Saviour; and we believe in the Holy Spirit, Who is our Guide as we travel onward through life. We also have faith in His Word, the Bible. We believe it is the reliable Word of God.

Where, you may ask, is there room for faith growing weak in the light of such firm convictions in the matter of eternal realities? Sometimes faith fluctuates due to outward circumstances. This should not be so.

Presenting the Topic

The Bible contains many instances in which people demonstrate their faith in Jesus Christ. The people who are mentioned in today's lesson display various degrees of faith. Martha had faith to believe that her brother Lazarus would be raised up on the third day. Her faith wavered when she realized that Jesus was going to do something for which she was not prepared. She had an objection at this point when Jesus said, "Take ye away the stone" (John 11:29). Just before this, Martha had expressed her firm faith in Jesus by saying, "Lord, I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God." Martha's faith wavered because she did not comprehend

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Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for May, 1960. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.



Junior High (Intermediate) Daily Readings

M., Apr. 25. Solomon Prays for Discernment. I Kings 3:7-9.
T., Apr. 26. Discernment Is Spiritual. I Corinthians 2:12-15.
W., Apr. 27. Growth in Discernment. Hebrews 5:8-14.
T., Apr. 28. God Will Direct. Psalm 32:8.
F., Apr. 29. "This Is the Way." Isaiah 30:19-21.
S., Apr. 30. Abraham's Choice. Hebrews 11:8-13.
Sun., May 1. Topic—Know Right from Wrong. Psalm 143:10; I Peter 3:8-16.

M., May 2. A Dependable Home Maker. Genesis 18:17-19.
T., May 3. Home Maker's Responsibility. Deuteronomy 6:1-7.
W., May 4. Evil Influence of Wicked Home Maker. I Kings 22:51-53.
T., May 5. Influence of Righteous Home Maker. II Chronicles 17:1-6.
F., May 6. Mutual Love Between Home Makers. Ephesians 5:22-25.
S., May 7. Home Makers Build Faith. II Timothy 1:3-5.
Sun., May 8. Topic—Home Makers. I Samuel 1:11-18, 24-28.

M., May 9. Parental Concern. Job 1:4,5.
T., May 10. Family Counseling. Genesis 35:2-4.
W., May 11. Reproof and Correction. Proverbs 29:15,17.
T., May 12. Parent-Child Co-operation. Ephesians 6:1-4.
F., May 13. Mercy to Penitents. Deuteronomy 30:1-3.
S., May 14. Family Guidance. Joshua 24:2-4.
Sun., May 15. Topic—When Temptation Comes. Job 2:7-10.

M., May 16. Pagan Sorrow. Exodus 12:29,30.
T., May 17. Job's Cure for Sorrow. Job 1:20-22.
W., May 18. Sympathetic Comfort. II Corinthians 1:3-5.
T., May 19. Comforting Hope. Titus 3:3-7.
F., May 20. Comforting Friends. John 11:31-36.

S., May 21. Comforting Relatives. I Chronicles 7:20-22.
Sun., May 22. Topic—When Sorrow Comes. II Samuel 12:15-23; I Thessalonians 4:13-18.

M., May 23. Witness at Home. Mark 5:18-20.
T., May 24. Mother's Responsibility. I Timothy 5:2-4.
W., May 25. Take Heed. Deuteronomy 4:9,10.
T., May 26. Home Religion Established. Joshua 24:14-17.
F., May 27. From Generation to Generation. Isaiah 54:11-14.
S., May 28. A Household Religion. Acts 10:1,2,24-27.
Sun., May 29. Topic—When Faith Grows Weak. John 11:1-5,20-27,39-44.

Senior-Young People's Daily Readings

M., Apr. 25. Go Home and Tell. Mark 5:18-20.
T., Apr. 26. Home, a Place for Piety. I Timothy 5:1-4.
W., Apr. 27. Children a Source of Joy. Psalm 127:3-5.
T., Apr. 28. Examples. Philippians 3:15-17.
F., Apr. 29. Family Religion. II John 1:4.
S., Apr. 30. Family Relations. Colossians 3:17-23.
Sun., May 1. Topic—If You Lived with Us. Ephesians 6:1-4.

M., May 2. Hospitality. II Kings 4:8-13.
T., May 3. Devout Woman. Acts 16:13-15.
W., May 4. Church Workers. Romans 16:1-6.
T., May 5. Woman's Ministry. Mark 14:3-9.
F., May 6. Helpful Women. Acts 9:36-40.
S., May 7. Parental Example. II Timothy 1:1-5.
Sun., May 8. Topic—A Godly Profile. Proverbs 31:10-31.

M., May 9. Use Time Wisely. Psalm 90:9-12.
T., May 10. Buy up the Time. Ephesians 5:15-17.
W., May 11. A Time for Everything. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.
T., May 12. Now! II Corinthians 6:1-4.
F., May 13. Today. Hebrews 3:7-13.
S., May 14. Too Late! Jeremiah 8:14-20.
Sun., May 15. Topic—I Don't Have Time. Ecclesiastes 12:1-7.

M., May 16. Basis for Giving. Matthew 10:1-4.
T., May 17. God's Plan for Giving. II Corinthians 9:6-10.
W., May 18. According to Ability. Deuteronomy 16:17-19.
T., May 19. Robbing God. Malachi 3:6-12.
F., May 20. Hurt of Selfishness. Ecclesiastes 5:1-7.
S., May 21. Meeting Life's Lack. Matthew 19:16-22.
Sun., May 22. Topic—I Can't Afford It. Philippians 4:10-20.
M., May 23. Incompetency. Exodus 3:1-12.
T., May 24. Social Position. Judges 6:1-16.
W., May 25. Personal Weakness. Jeremiah 17:5-10.
T., May 26. Personal Fear. Acts 9:1-19.
F., May 27. Mutual Aid. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12.
S., May 28. Strength in Weakness. II Corinthians 12:9-10.
Sun., May 29. Topic—I Won't Fit Them. Philippians 4:13.

COMING EVENT For Your Prayer Calendar

Here is a list of Christian Endeavor conventions and conferences scheduled to be held during the next few months. Remember these events in your daily Quiet Hour.

APRIL

2-3—Michigan, St. Mary's Lake, Spring Lake
22-24—Colorado, Star Ranch (Spring Tri Conference)
23—Ontario, Hamilton, Spring Rally
29-May 1—Middle Atlantic Regional Conference, Atlantic City, New Jersey

MAY

14—Ontario, Whitby, Junior Convention
14—New England Regional Conference, Danbury, Connecticut
27-30—New York, Kingston

JUNE

16-19—Ohio, Columbus
17-19—Indiana, Huntington
23-26—California, San Jose
23-26—Michigan, Grandville
23-26—Texas, Corpus Christi
25-July 2—Massachusetts, Northfield (Summer Conference)

A Need—An Opportunity

The Clark V. Poling Fund was established in memory of Dr. Daniel A. Poling's son, one of the four heroic chaplains who gave their lives that others might live when the U.S.S. DORCHESTER sank in 1943.

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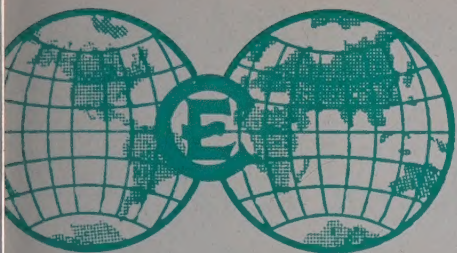
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NEWS

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ers whose topic treatments appear for first time in this issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD are Mrs. New-Jorgan of Boise, Idaho (Senior-Young le's) and Mrs. Ernest Hone, Jr., of Hop-Minnesota (Junior High topics). Mrs. gan, a grade school teacher, is the wife re minister of First Christian Church. many years she taught worship classes at ner Christian Endeavor conferences in on. She holds degrees from Northwest stian College and the University of on, with an M.A. degree from Phillips ersity. Mrs. Hone's current Christian avor activities in Minnesota include ng as a director and missionary chair- for the state union and as a member of onvention committee. At Aldrich Ave- Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis she served as advisor of the high school so-. She holds a B.A. degree from Augs- College.



Hard at work on daily readings to be used with the 1962 Junior topics are these members of the Children's Work Committee, shown during their meeting February 25-27 at Christian Endeavor Headquarters. In the left photo are Mrs. Warren G. Hoopes, chairman, and Florence Zimmerman (right); in the photo on the right are Mrs. Etta Berger and Mrs. Marlin Dossett (right). This committee meets annually to select Junior Christian Endeavor topics.



Robert C. Ross, former educational secretary and citizenship director of the International Society, has accepted a unanimous call from the Brookfield Church of Christ (Christian), at Maple and Grant Streets in Brookfield, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. Mr. Ross assumed his new duties in March.

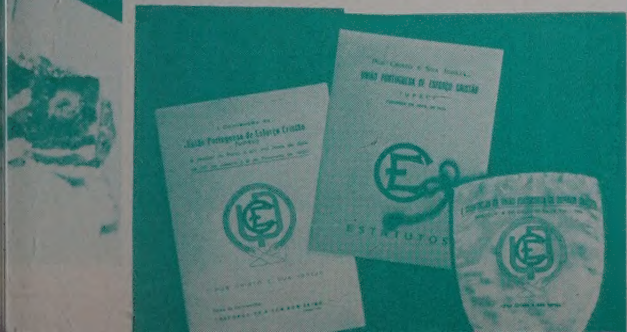
On March 27 Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, resumed his weekly Sunday evening radio broadcasts over Mutual Network. Check your local outlet for the exact time.

Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, president, and Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary, represented the International Society at the White House Conference on Children and Youth March 27-April 1 in Washington, D.C. Mr. Westerhoff served as a Work Group Recorder.

A special delegation of Christian Endeavorers attended University Christian Church in San Diego, California, on February 16 when Dr. Daniel A. Poling spoke. Dr. Poling was the speaker at the annual "Laurels for Leaders" luncheon honoring the student body presidents of all area high schools.

Elizabeth McKnight of Richmond, Virginia, a trustee of the International Society and a former vice-president in charge of the Southern Region, was awarded a George Washington honor medal by Freedoms Foundation on February 22. She was honored for an address on "Effective Living—And Your Share in the Community." Her speech emphasized that American citizenship should be undergirded with a spiritual foundation. Miss McKnight is director of the Friends of Union Theological Seminary.

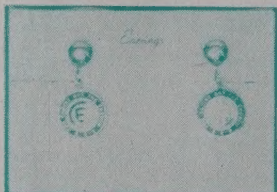
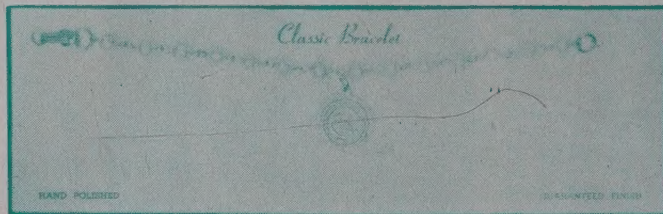
Sessions of the first national convention of the Portuguese Union of Christian Endeavor were held January 30-February 2 at Oporto. In honor of Christian Endeavor's birthday W. J. Sharpe of England and Miss Arbiol, daughter of the president of the Portuguese Union, are shown (left) cutting a cake for tea. Baked by Mrs. Arbiol, the cake represented the flags of Portugal, Spain and England, and the Christian Endeavor monogram. In the photo below are the convention program, the rules, and the pennant. At the opening session (below, right) at the Y.M.C.A., headquarters of the Christian Endeavor Union, those pictured on the platform are (left to right) Mr. Sharpe, general secretary of Area II, World's Union; Bishop A. F. Fiandor; Rev. Agostinho F. Arbiol, president; Rev. Enrique Capo, president of the Spanish Union; Dr. Luis Silva; and Rev. Ireneu Cunha.





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